



# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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### FRESH WATER ANGLERS SPEND NEARLY \$23,000,000 FOR LICENSES

Devotees of the sport of fresh-water fishing in the United States purchased 12,620,464 anglers' licenses during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1947, at a cost of \$22,667,301, according to a report released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Compared with the previous year when 11,068,717 licenses were sold by the various States for \$15,003,796, the 1946-47 season totals show an increase of 1,551,747 in licenses and \$7,663,505 in revenue, and break all previous records.

California exceeded all other States in revenue received with \$1,718,066. Minnesota ranked second with \$1,328,316, followed by New York with \$1,316,513; Missouri, \$1,095,219; Michigan, \$1,094,694; Wisconsin, \$1,093,082; Washington, \$1,064,993; Pennsylvania, \$978,315; Oregon, \$831,696; and Ohio, \$680,364.

In the number of licenses issued, Michigan led with 989,333. California ranked second with 848,446, followed by Minnesota with 765,335; Ohio, 669,613; Wisconsin, 653,147; New York, 631,238; Pennsylvania, 599,572; Illinois, 536,868; Missouri, 526,737; and Indiana, 522,033.

Tourists, fishing for sport in waters outside their home States, purchased 1,464,698 non-resident licenses, an increase of 371,599 over the preceding year.

The appended tabulation summarizes the number of licenses issued and the revenue collected.

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FISHING LICENSE SALES  
July 1, 1946 - June 30, 1947

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-resident</u>	<u>Total Licenses</u>	<u>Fees Paid by Anglers</u>
Alabama	73,260	4,334	77,594	\$ 86,355
Arizona	53,496	5,609	59,105	168,692
Arkansas	167,351	41,053	208,404	349,862
California	835,936	12,510	848,446	1,718,066
Colorado	197,314	62,750	260,064	469,994
Connecticut	77,906	4,573	82,479	300,782
Delaware	4,298	1,450	5,748	13,467
Florida	122,186	45,521	167,707	401,420
Georgia	97,419	1,205	98,624	127,990
Idaho	174,048	39,229	213,277	569,489
Illinois	521,065	15,803	536,868	557,712
Indiana	496,121	25,912	522,033	601,664
Iowa	296,598	7,411	304,009	522,869
Kansas	193,635	3,491	197,126	201,408
Kentucky	195,246	7,024	202,270	212,710
Louisiana	42,621	10,288	52,909	80,621
Maine	100,200	61,562	161,762	310,751
Maryland	48,384	7,147	55,531	105,836
Massachusetts	208,586	4,892	213,478	489,992
Michigan	725,612	263,721	989,333	1,094,694
Minnesota	599,910	165,425	765,335	1,328,316
Mississippi	85,161	8,606	93,767	281,671
Missouri	506,439	20,298	526,737	1,095,219
Montana	145,908	22,135	168,043	426,559
Nebraska	181,047	6,064	187,111	170,465
Nevada	21,641	6,705	28,346	49,186
New Hampshire	96,580	55,497	152,077	557,967
New Jersey	116,356	7,657	124,013	338,451
New Mexico	48,706	25,593	74,299	223,990
New York	610,494	20,744	631,238	1,316,513
North Carolina	110,843	12,287	123,130	297,313
North Dakota	42,228	220	42,448	21,744
Ohio	651,948	17,665	669,613	680,364
Oklahoma	283,955	27,295	311,250	414,829
Oregon	216,045	8,926	224,971	831,696
Pennsylvania	580,572	19,000	599,572	978,315
Rhode Island	19,574	280	19,854	34,573
South Carolina	78,360	5,705	84,065	100,226
South Dakota	81,623	17,524	99,147	108,406
Tennessee	272,425	63,486	335,911	599,910
Texas	256,102	4,804	260,906	233,576
Utah	66,053	6,643	72,696	223,105
Vermont	76,541	26,579	103,120	186,790
Virginia	229,630	13,057	242,687	550,022
Washington	380,728	16,831	397,559	1,064,993
West Virginia	262,826	14,128	276,954	596,158
Wisconsin	428,817	224,330	653,147	1,093,082
Wyoming	73,972	21,729	95,701	479,489
United States	11,155,766	1,464,698	12,620,464	\$22,667,301